

Michigan Regional Skills Alliances



The MiRSA initiative provides a framework to organize the workforce development needs of the Michigan business community by industry clusters. MiRSAs are business-driven, business-focused partnerships that address workforce issues in a specific region and industry sector. The primary goals of the initiative are to provide Michigan businesses with a highly skilled workforce and connect Michigan citizens to good jobs with opportunities for career advancement.

Governor Jennifer Granholm announced the Michigan Regional Skills Alliances (MiRSA*) initiative in her State of the State address in January 2004. MiRSAs are employer driven organizations that address the workforce issues and needs within their local areas. MiRSA staff provides technical support to organizations researching the feasibility of forming a MiRSA as well as to new, existing and expanding MiRSAs.

As of August 2007, thirty-four MiRSAs have been created with eight industry focuses. In support of the initiative, over \$3.23 million in grant money has been awarded.

Industry Focus	Number	Industry Focus	Number
Health Care	13	Utilities	1
Manufacturing/Advanced Mfg.	8	Forestry, Timber and Agriculture	2
Hospitality & Tourism	4	Information Technology	2
Construction	3	Biotechnology	1

Generally, a Request for Proposal is issued each spring with funds awarded on a competitive basis. Proposals may also be considered throughout the year depending on funding availability.

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MiRSAs listed by industry focus, lead convener county (number of counties covered)

*** E denotes an expansion from the original MiRSA**

Health Care:

- Capital Healthcare & Employment Council..... Ingham (3)
- West Central Michigan Healthcare..... 6 Conveners Kent (12)
- Community Health Worker MiRSA..... Wayne (1)
- East Central Health Care Alliance..... Saginaw (13) E
- South East Michigan MiRSA: Registered Nursing..... Wayne (7)
- Healthcare RSA of Northwest Michigan..... Grand Traverse (22) E
- MI's Direct Care Workforce Readiness Training Program..... Lansing (statewide)
- Healthcare Professionals for Michigan's Future (HPMF)..... Genesee (1)
- Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable..... Delta (15 all the U.P.)
- Northeast Michigan Healthcare Workforce Alliance..... Emmet (11)
- Southwest Michigan Health Care Alliance..... 3 Conveners, Calhoun (8)
- Southeast Michigan Long Term Health Care..... Wayne (4)
- Michigan Works Regional Healthcare Alliance..... Berrien (3)
- Bridges to Success: Networking the Manufacturing and Health Care sectors for the advancement of incumbent workers and recruitment of transitioning workers (Healthcare & Manufacturing Industries)..... Kent (7) E

Manufacturing/ Advanced Manufacturing:

- Capital Area Manufacturing Council..... Ingham (3)
- Detroit Regional Manufacturing Skills Alliance..... Wayne (9)
- Progress Through Knowledge: A Knowledge Economy Skills Alliance for Kalkaska County..... Kalkaska (1)
- Tri County Advanced Manufacturing Alliance..... Saginaw (3)
- Thumb Area Employment Builders Alliance – Advanced Manufacturing Training Cooperative RSA..... Lapeer (4)
- Upper Peninsula Regional Industrial Manufacturing..... Delta (15 all the U.P.)
- South Central Manufacturers' Jackson (3)

Hospitality & Tourism:

- Berrien Cass Van Buren Hospitality..... Berrien (3)
- Delta County Tourism RSA..... Delta (1)
- Southeast Michigan Hospitality and Tourism RSA..... Washtenaw (9)
- Sunrise Side Hospitality Industry Coalition RSA..... Iosco (8)

Construction:

- Capital Area Construction Council..... Ingham (4)
- Mid- Michigan Construction Alliance MiRSA..... Ingham (3)
- Upper Peninsula Construction Trades..... Delta (15 all the U.P.)

Forestry, Timber & Agriculture:

- Forest and Timber Products Industry RSA..... Marquette (all the U.P and Northern MI)
- Thumb Agri-Business 2100..... Lapeer (4)

Information Technology:

- Southeast Michigan Information Security RSA..... Oakland (7)
- Capital Area Information Technology Council..... Ingham (3)

Utilities:

- Midwest Skills Development Center Electrical Line Technician Marquette (15 all the U.P.)

Biotechnology:

- Preparing the South Central MWA Region for the Bio Tech Age..... Hillsdale (3)